

BEATEN FRENCH RETIRED

**Lost Village of Malancourt
After the Place Had Been
Reduced to Ruins and
After a Fierce Infantry
Battle, Which Lasted All
Night**

**ARE STILL HOLDING
THE OUTSKIRTS**

**Were Forced to Withdraw
from the Village Itself Be-
cause Positions Became
Untenable—The Germans
Failed to Carry by Assault
Their Lost Position in
Avocourt Wood**

Paris, March 31.—The Germans delivered a fierce night attack on three sides of the village of Malancourt, says the French official statement to-day, and the French retired from the village proper, which was in ruins. They continued, however, to hold the outskirts. The fierce infantry fighting lasted for the entire night before the French withdrew from their untenable positions in the village itself.

The Germans again tried to carry by assault the position which the French had won back in the Avocourt wood, but they were repulsed. East of the Meuse the night was calm.

Berlin, via London, March 31.—The capture of the village of Malancourt in the Verdun region, west of the Meuse, was announced by the war office to-day. The Germans took 328 prisoners.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN MARCH

Amounted to 1,107 Officers and 19,317 Men.

London, March 31.—The British casualties in March, as compiled from the published lists, amounted to 1,107 officers and 19,317 men.

CAPTOR OF SHIP BOASTS SELF GERMAN SPY

**Ernest Schiller Who Single-handed Cap-
tured British Steamer Will Have
to Be Tried for
Piracy.**

Lewes, Del., March 31.—Ernest Schiller, the young German who captured the British steamer Matoppe and terrorized the crew of 56 men Wednesday night shortly after the crew had sailed from New York with railroad supplies for Russia, declared to-day he was a spy for the German government.

"Yes, I am a spy for the German government," he said. "I got instructions from the German government to go aboard to blow her up to prevent the cargo from reaching Russia. I could have blown her up, but the captain's plea for his wife and daughter was too much for me and I hadn't the heart to do it."

As Schiller's exploit took place outside of the three-mile limit he was told that he probably would be taken to British possessions in the West Indies for trial for piracy.

The Matoppe sailed from New York Wednesday for Vladivostok with a cargo consisting chiefly of barbed wire and farm implements. She passed out by Sandy Hook at 6 p. m. Two hours later upon entering his cabin, Captain Bergner says he was confronted by a young man with a revolver in each hand.

The captain was then bound hand and foot and locked in his cabin, promising, under penalty of death, not to raise an alarm.

The stowaway, who is 26 years old, then put the wireless instruments out of commission and threw the ship's six rifles overboard. He then returned to the captain's cabin, rifled the safe and destroyed many important papers. He had expected, he told Captain Bergner, to find at least £2,000 in English money aboard the Matoppe, but there was not a penny in the safe. Later, however, Schiller compelled the captain and the first officer to hand over their pocketbooks containing about £200.

With Captain Bergner still a prisoner in his own cabin, Schiller proceeded to round up the crew of 56 men, all but a few of whom were in their bunks. He lined all hands up in one end of the ship and threatened that if anyone made a move he would blow everybody to pieces with his revolver. He had placed in different parts of the vessel.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning Schiller released Captain Bergner and, still gripping a revolver in each hand, ordered the steamer headed toward the shore. Other officers and members of the crew were likewise ordered to their places and told to put on all speed for the Delaware capes. When the Matoppe came within sight of land about noon Schiller ordered a small boat lowered to take him ashore. Meanwhile, the steamer's signals asking for assistance had been sighted by the

pilot boat Philadelphia, which immediately responded to the call and took the small boat in tow disregarding the threats of Schiller, who threatened to shoot anybody who laid a hand on him. Schiller was captured later.

LITERACY TEST BILL PASSED HOUSE

**There Was Overwhelming Majority of
308 to 87 and Perhaps Enough to
Pass Bill Over Possible
Veto.**

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The Burnett immigration bill, with its literacy test and Asiatic exclusion provisions unchanged, passed the House yesterday by a vote of 308 to 87. It now goes to the Senate, where favorable action is regarded as assured.

The literacy test, about which the fight against the bill had centered, was sustained 284 to 107. This provision has been the cause of vetoes of similar immigration bills by Presidents Cleveland, Taft and Wilson. The House passed the bill over the Cleveland veto, but it failed in the Senate. Motions to override the vetoes of Presidents Taft and Wilson were lost in the House by narrow margins.

Representative Burnett, chairman of the immigration committee, predicted last night that there was sufficient strength to repass the bill in the event of another veto. The president has not indicated his purpose to the House leaders.

Both record votes—both on the literacy test and on the passage of the bill—were without regard to party lines. Majority Leader Kitchin voted for the literacy test and for the bill. Minority Leader Mann voted against the literacy test and then for the bill.

The literacy test as adopted would exclude all aliens over 16 years old, physically capable of reading, who cannot read English or some other language, except certain relatives of persons already in this country and certain classes of refugees from religious persecution.

DEAD SILENCE ON REQUEST OF GERMANY

**Washington Hears Nothing from Ambassa-
dor Concerning His Inquiry if
German Vessels Torpedoed
Sussex and Englishman.**

Washington, D. C., March 31.—Chairman Stone of the Senate foreign relations committee and Chairman Flood of the House foreign affairs committee went over the submarine situation fully with Secretary of State Lansing to-day. The situation with Germany was described officially as not being imminent and it was said that the two committee chairmen did not visit the state department by appointment but had gone apparently seeking information for guidance of the members of Congress.

The officials declared they were not worried because they had not heard from Ambassador Gerard who had been instructed to make inquiries of the German foreign office whether a German submarine torpedoed the steamer Sussex and Englishman because of the delays in communication. Meanwhile the situation was described as a waiting one.

Germany Said to Be Waiting.

Berlin, Tuesday via London, Friday, March 31.—Inquiries in government circles developed the statement that nothing is known here concerning the explosion which damaged the channel steamer Sussex beyond the newspaper reports from abroad. Officials are refraining from comment in the absence of definite information.

SAW GIBSON KILLED IN LUMBER LOT

**Fred Spaulding, One of the Slain Man's
Teamsters, Testified in the Murder
Case in Windsor County Court.**

Woodstock, March 31.—The work of securing the jury in the trial of Charles Leighton, charged with the murder of A. C. Gibson in Sharon on February 24, last, was completed yesterday morning in Windsor county court and the state immediately began the presentation of its case.

Among the witnesses testifying for the state was Wallace Aldrich, owner of the rifle which the state claims that Leighton used as a weapon against Gibson. Aldrich testified that the rifle was rusty and that it would carry a bullet without regard to the care exercised in aiming the gun.

Dr. B. H. Stone, state pathologist, testified regarding conducting an autopsy on the body of Gibson.

Fred Spaulding, one of Gibson's teamsters, testified to the circumstances of the alleged murder of his employer. Spaulding was with Gibson in the timber lot when the man was killed.

Spaulding testified that there was not a word spoken by Leighton or his son, Walter and Newell, both of whom have been indicted on the same charge as their father, to Gibson. Spaulding said that Gibson had drawn away one load of logs, the ownership of which it appears was in dispute, and was preparing to get another load when he was fired upon. Other witnesses gave testimony along lines similar to that of Spaulding. It is likely that the trials of the two sons of Leighton will be taken up the first of next week as it is believed that defense in the case now on trial will finish by Monday afternoon or Tuesday.

TWO SUSPECTS IN CONSPIRACY UNDER ARREST

**U. S. Government Announces that Men
Alleged to Have Been in Plot to
Blow Up Welland Canal
Are Caught.**

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The officials of the department of justice announced to-day that two alleged conspirators with Captain Hans Tauscher in a plot to blow up the Welland canal are under arrest in New York, that a third is under surveillance in New England and that they expected the arrest of the fourth in a few days.

VILLA DODGES AS LINES CLOSE IN UPON HIM

**Bandit, Closely Pursued, Is
Heading Southeastward
to His Old Headquarters
in San Andres and May Be
Cut Off Before He Can
Reach Haven**

PERSHING'S CAVALRY GOES SOUTH OF HIM

**Detachment of U. S. Troops
Is Believed to Be to South
of Guerrero, Where on
Wednesday Villa Is Re-
ported to Have Massacred
172 Carranza Men**

El Paso, Texas, March 31.—Francisco Villa has crossed the great continental divide and is heading southeast to his old headquarters at San Andres, according to reliable information received to-day. Keen interest in the chase has been aroused once more on the border by the renewal of the possibility that the bandit may be trapped before he can swing south of the Pershing squads.

The American troops sweeping down from the north on the eastern side of the divide should be, by all calculations, within striking distance of Hangover ranch, where the bandit was last known to be. Another detachment of Pershing's cavalry is believed to have swung southeast from Madera, passing well south of Guerrero, where Villa is said to have massacred 172 Carranza troops, and to be striking for Cerro Prieto in the hope of cutting off the brigand from the southeast which is presumably closed by several thousand men whom General Gutierrez is said to have in the district around Chihuahua.

The Massacre of 172 Carranzistas.

San Antonio, March 31.—After killing every one of the 172 men in the garrison at Guerrero, Francisco Villa moved toward Wednesday and now is somewhere near the head waters of the Santa Maria river, according to unofficial information secured by General Funston last night.

At the head of a considerable force, Villa was reported to be on the San Geronimo ranch or the Quemada ranch, and troops of both the United States and Mexico were believed to be closing in on him.

This information was regarded by Gen. Funston and his staff as probably correct. If correct, it appeared probable that soon Villa either will have to face his pursuers in fight or make another break through the tightening line of troops.

Whether his assault on the garrison at Guerrero was the same engagement reported by General Pershing, was not known, but it was regarded as likely since the action reported by General Pershing occurred March 17 somewhere in that region. Details of the engagement were not reported.

General Pershing has been advised of the report as to Villa's location and it is known that the disposition of his troops and that of the Mexican government are such that Villa cannot easily escape without a fight. American troops are converging in columns from the north and it was indicated that a part of them had gone so far south that they would be able to join with the Carranza forces in preventing his escape in that direction.

Other than that no supplies for the troops in the field has crossed into Mexico from El Paso for shipment over the northwestern railway, no news concerning that development of the situation was given out last night.

VILLA NEARLY THROTTLED.

**Mexican Who Assailed Him Was Clubbed
Senseless By Villa's Men.**

Field Headquarters American expeditionary forces, Colonia Dublan, Chihuahua, March 26 (by motor truck to Columbus, N. M., March 31).—It has been learned here that Francisco Villa nearly lost his life a few days ago on the Corralitos ranch, a short distance from this place, where he tortured and put to death five Mexicans. One of his victims leaped on him and was strangling Villa when officers beat his assailant senseless with the butts of their guns.

Mucio Polanco was the name of the Mexican who almost succeeded in ending Villa's career.

The murder of five members of the Polanco family was said to have been intended as a warning to other Mexicans against having dealings with Americans. Investigation showed that the Polanco family was involved with no political faction in Mexico, but that they had a record of uniform honesty and reliability in dealing with the American managers of the Corralitos ranch, where they were born and raised.

When Villa, retreating from Columbus, arrived at the ranch, he had a list of all the Polanco's, six men, the mother and two daughters. He seized the men and hunted for the daughters, but the young women had been hidden so well that he never found them.

To five of the men, Gregorio and his two sons and Mucio and his one son, Villa said:

"I am going to kill you because you are too Americanized. You are gringos lovers."

But instead of killing them outright, Villa had them partly stripped and then beaten with the flats of heavy swords. Mucio Polanco broke away from his captors and got one hand locked about Villa's throat before he was beaten off.

Next Villa ordered the five stood up beneath a huge archedway, where he told them he would hang them. Ropes were

placed about their necks and they were jerked into the air, but were not permitted to die. Just when loss of sensibility approached they would be lowered to earth with demands that they reveal the hiding places of horses said to be hidden about the ranch.

There were no horses so far as investigation has disclosed. The prisoners also were offered their lives if they would tell where money was hidden or point out valuable documents.

After several mock hangings, Villa ordered the five men taken into the garden, where each one was shot five times. To the residents of the ranch, all Mexicans, Villa said:

"You may bury them or not, as you please."

They were all buried in one grave after Villa left.

Before going, Villa led one male member of the family, Gregorio, Jr., aged 21, back to the young man's mother and said to her:

"I am going to leave you this one son to support you. You ought to thank me for leaving him."

Next he had imprisoned each of the workmen on the ranch, placing them in separate rooms. When he had them all locked up, he went to each one in turn, warning him in these words:

"I am coming back and if I don't return someone else will come in my place. Whoever comes will kill anyone here whom he finds working for Americans."

SALE IS SANCTIONED.

Waterbury Light & Power Co. to Montpelier and Barre Co.

Sanction for the transfer of the properties, rights, privileges and franchises of the Waterbury Light & Power company was granted yesterday by the Vermont public service commission on condition that the purchasing company assume all the first mortgage bonds of the Waterbury concern amounting to \$105,000 and the company further assume and pay all other legal outstanding obligations of the Waterbury Light & Power company.

At the hearing on the petition held at Brattleboro March 28, it was set forth by the said petitioning company, according to the report of the public service commission, "that it (the Montpelier & Barre company) is now fully able to meet all its matured liabilities; that all of its stock is now owned by the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company; that the latter company is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling electricity for light, heat, and power in Vermont; that in order to operate the properties of the Waterbury company as an integral part of the other properties now owned by it, said Montpelier & Barre company desire to have transferred to it all of the properties, rights, privileges and franchises of the Waterbury company; that, if this be permitted, the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company will assume all the existing obligations of the Waterbury Light & Power company including one hundred and five thousand (\$105,000) dollars per value of first mortgage bonds of the Waterbury company now outstanding, which said bonds are secured by a trust indenture under which the American Trust company of Boston is trustee; that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Waterbury Light & Power company, at which all outstanding stock was represented, it was voted unanimously that when this commission shall have consented, said Waterbury company transfer all its assets to the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company in consideration of the assumption by the latter company of all obligations of the Waterbury company."

TALK OF THE TOWN

G. A. Paquet of Summer street returned to the city last night from a business trip to Boston, Central Falls, R. I., and Providence, R. I.

William Forbes of Merchant street began work to-day as a bellhop at Hotel Barre, succeeding L. F. Gallagher, who completed his duties this noon.

E. L. House of West street was summoned to Williamstown this morning by the critical condition of his father, Henry House, who has been confined by illness several days.

A benefit dance for the young men of the Christoforo Colombo band, an organization of amateur musicians organized some years ago by Prof. P. Crocetti, is to be held in the Granite street auditorium Saturday evening. An ambitious program of concerts and musicals has been arranged for the band and an effort will be made, through the medium of entertainments, etc., to put the financial affairs of the band on a strong working basis, hereafter, with new music, are being held regularly.

WEEKS IN THE FIELD.

Middlebury Man Desires to Be Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont.

Middlebury, March 31.—Speaker John E. Weeks of the Vermont House has announced his candidacy for lieutenant-governor of Vermont in the following statement:

"I have been asked by many friends whether I would be a candidate for lieutenant governor. It is perhaps due to those who have kindly offered me their support, and also for other possible candidates, that I should announce at this time that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for this office. If I am nominated I shall try to do my part toward a vigorous and earnest campaign. If I am elected, I will do what I can to secure as prompt dispatch of legislative business as is consistent with thorough consideration and fairness to every interest."

"I believe that the future of Vermont depends not so much upon high-sounding phrases in party platforms as upon the selection of capable, fair-minded men as legislators and state officers. I stand for everything that can be done to assist both the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the state, for the greatest economy consistent with efficiency in the management of state institutions, for the continuation of the Vermont good roads policy, for equity in taxation, for fair labor legislation, and for endeavor to enforce more strictly the laws we have rather than to enact a large number of new ones."

"While I am a Republican, the duties of the lieutenant governor are so largely concerned with state matters that if I receive the nomination I shall appeal for support to men of all parties, and if elected, I will try to perform the duties of the office solely in the interest of Vermont."

TALK OF THE TOWN

A large crowd gathered in the K. of P. hall last evening to play whist and 500 at the Macabee card party. Favors for higher scores went to Mrs. Etta Leonard and Mrs. H. W. Clark and for the lower scores to Mrs. H. W. Clark and Ernest Houghton. Whist honors went to Mrs. Florence Marin and Mr. Flynn, the consolation awards going to Mrs. Peter Laxson and Richard White. Refreshments were served at intermission. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Mrs. Ida Gregoire, Mrs. Bertha McNeil, Mrs. Mamie Avery and Mrs. Mildred Dunham. The ladies plan to have another party in the near future.

An effort to organize a ride club in Barre is being made and to the end that all persons interested in the project may have an opportunity to express their views, a meeting is to be held in Old Fellow's hall Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Twenty-five persons have already signified a desire to affiliate with a ride club here in the city.

NOTICE UNION MEN AND FAMILIES AND PURCHASING PUBLIC IN GENERAL.

The Vaughan Store, having seen fit to accept the clerk's bill, are now placed on the list of merchants and deserving of your patronage. Only those that are sincere and go to the length to become well employed. You can expect fair treatment and a hundred cents for your dollar at the store that is fair to you and its clerks. Clerk's Union, local 241.

TWO FAILED TO GET OUT

**As Flames Spread Through
Their Home at Lawrence,
Mass.**

TWO MORE PERSONS WERE BADLY BURNED

**An Apartment Building De-
stroyed and Adjoining
House Damaged**

Lawrence, Mass., March 31.—Two lives were lost, two persons were badly burned and heavy property damage was done this morning by a fire which destroyed one building and partially burned another.

The Dead:

MRS. AARON A. CURRIER.

MISS ELIA CURRIER.

The Badly Wounded:

DAVID CURRIER.

MRS. JAKE KATZ.

The fire broke out in the home of the Curriers in a building owned by Jake Katz. Mrs. Currier and her daughter, David Currier, aged 9, managed to get out of the burning building but were seriously burned. Mr. and Mrs. Katz occupied the other apartment in the building and Mrs. Katz also received burns as she fled from the flames.

After completely enveloping the Katz residence the flames jumped to the house of Joseph Walworth nearby and that was badly damaged before the firemen brought the fire under control. The total loss is estimated to be \$50,000.

Firemen Think There Were Two Fires.

The authorities later announced that a thorough investigation is being made on the strength of reports of incendiarism. The firemen said that the blaze in the Walworth residence apparently started in the cellar and was not due, as far as ascertained, to the fire in the Katz house next door.

BODIES TAKEN TO STOWE.

**Of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman A. Atkins,
Burned to Death.**

Mansfield, Mass., March 31.—The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. Atkins, who were burned in the fire which destroyed their home here Tuesday morning, were taken yesterday afternoon to Stowe, Vt. They were accompanied by the daughter, Mrs. Elsie Atkins. At Stowe funeral services will be held.

It developed here yesterday that the books of the Spring Brook Cemetery association, of which Mr. Atkins was superintendent, were consumed in the fire and the association's accounts are destroyed.

Money, watches and other valuables have been recovered from the debris, but the books were in the section of the house where the blaze raged the hottest.

CHURCH OPTIMISM WAS PROPOSED

**Supt. Lowe of St. Johnsbury District
Urged Methodists to Talk Up Their
Church and Not Talk It
Down.**

The forenoon session of the Methodist church conference being held in Montpelier was almost entirely devoted to the reading of the annual reports of Superintendents Lowe and Dukeshire of the St. Johnsbury and St. Albans districts. Bishop Hamilton presided at the opening of the session and followed out the custom which was adopted the opening day, of giving a 10-minute talk to the members.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Grace Roraback of Canaan, Conn., addressed the conference on the Woman's Home Missionary society, explaining in detail the work which has been accomplished by the society during the past year, her knowledge being intimate because of her activity in Connecticut.

She was followed by Rev. Ward Platt, D. D., of Philadelphia, who discussed the work of the board of home missions and church extension work. Chancellor Franklin Hamilton, LL. D., of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Edgar Beake, D. D., of Chicago, were last evening's speakers and their remarks were confined to educational branches of the church work, the talks being especially directed to Montpelier seminary students, who attended in a body. Chancellor Hamilton spoke on the duties of the board of education and the advances being made by Methodist schools throughout the country and Dr. Beake spoke on Sunday school work.

To-night Bishop Hamilton will lecture in the city hall auditorium on "Some Persons of Quality in Boston."

The meeting of the laymen's association and lay electors conference of the church opened at 10 o'clock this forenoon in Bethany church, delegates to the conference having arrived in the city last evening and this forenoon.

The following officers were elected by the association: President, Senator W. P. Dillingham; first vice-president, Hon. Frank Plimley of Northfield; second vice-president, R. N. Millett of Springfield; third vice-president, R. F. Moore of Newport; secretary and treasurer, Sanford A. Daniels of Brattleboro. Resolutions were adopted by the association asking for representation at the general conference, the election of delegates to be hedged about with such safeguards as the conference saw fit. Resolutions were adopted thanking Bethany church, where the laymen met, for the courtesy extended and to the people of Montpelier for their courtesy. Principal J. W. Hatch of Montpelier seminary was also given support in resolutions.

Senator Dillingham was unable to be present and take his part in the program, sending his regrets in a telegram. Miss Gladys Preston of Granville and Rev. Percival Hewitt of Montpelier spoke upon "The Rural Church and Its Problem," W. B. Lance of Plainfield on the general subject of district division, and Frank Plimley on the same subject. The last two speakers expressed the opinion that the general conference would be asked to change the title of district superintendent back to that of presiding elder. They also favored dividing the conference into two districts instead of three, arguing for the change largely on the ground of economy and that the work would not be impaired thereby. In amplifying Mr. Lance's remarks, Mr. Plimley said the visits of the district superintendent could in many instances be supplied by sending out blanks to the churches.

Supt. Lowe's Report.

In his report, Supt. R. F. Lowe of the St. Johnsbury district characterized the past year as a time of "unusual ministerial stringency" and a period of "unexpected victories." Under the heading of material improvements the superintendent refers to the construction of a \$70,000 edifice for Grace church in St. Johnsbury, repairs to the church at Newport Center, changes at Holland, Island Pond, South Albany, Albany, Lowell, West Burke, Lyndonville, East Lyndon, Irasburg, Plainfield, Danville, Peacham and Greensboro Bend; and also a new pipe organ at Orleans.

Some of the churches have slightly increased their ministers' salaries and frequently the ministers are paid weekly. Endowments are generally well invested. The debt on the district parsonage has been wiped out. The ladies' aid societies are given great commendation by the superintendent. Evangelistic work has not been allowed to suffer and he has other activities, and Superintendent Lowe reports considerable progress along that line in many of the towns.

In closing his report, Superintendent Lowe made two suggestions, the first of which was to have the minister and the laity get together and determine to destroy the bad habit of talking down the Methodist church, of picking flaws and looking on the dark side of things, and the second of which is to have a definite objective for the conference and for each individual church. "The church is not here to save itself but to save the world. The pastor is not here to save a little coterie of people called saints or church members. We must either earnestly attempt to save the community and the world or to spend our lives fruitlessly."

At the session yesterday a resolution endorsing national prohibition was adopted and signed by the presiding officer of the conference, Bishop Hamilton, and ministers. The Rev. C. H. Smith of the Anti-Saloon League spoke briefly of that organization's plans for the next few years, education, and an effort to defeat any legislation favorable to the saloon. He said he had just emerged from a cyclone cellar.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WASGATT.

Held at Her Late Home on Washington Street.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha R. Wasgatt, wife of E. Stanton Wasgatt, whose death at her home, 189 Washington street Wednesday morning followed an illness of only a few hours, was held at the house this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Barre Congregational church, officiating. Members of both churches, No. 33, O. E. S., in which Mrs. Wasgatt belonged, as well as women of the ladies' aid society, were among those who attended the service.

To-morrow morning at 12:35 o'clock, the remains will be taken over the Central Vermont railroad to North Jay, Me., for interment.

AUTOIST LOST DAMAGE SUIT

**A Verdict Returned by
Fred A. Millan
County Court**

ORDERED TO \$154.58 DAMAGES

**Mrs. Nina Lovely of More-
town Sued for \$3,000 as
Result of Collision**

The jury in the case of Mrs. Nina Lovely of Moretown vs. Fred Millan of Barre, in which the plaintiff sued for \$3,000 damages as the result of an accident on the Middlesex road last summer near Montpelier Junction, when an automobile owned and driven by Mr. Millan crashed into a horse-drawn vehicle occupied by the plaintiff, reached a verdict last evening in favor of the plaintiff to recover \$154.58, the verdict being sealed and read at the opening of county court this forenoon.

The trial of the case occupied less than a full day, not being commenced until after 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon and arguments were commenced at 4 o'clock. Seldom have cases been completed so rapidly as during this term. Fred L. Laird represented the plaintiff and William Wishart the defendant.

One divorce case was heard this morning, it being that of Norma Pedrozzi vs. John Pedrozzi. The case was not contested, and the judge took the matter under advisement. As there were no jury cases ready for trial, the court excused the jurors until next Tuesday morning.

PAID WITH DINNER.

**Montpelier Golfers Settled with Victors
from Barre.**

Nearly a dozen members of the Barre Golf club team, victorious in the 1915 interclub series with the Montpelier Country club, were entertained at a dinner given by the capital city golfers last evening, the affair being in the nature of a forfeit paid by the defeated team. Among the Barre golfers who attended the dinner were: John Daniels, L. R. Hutchinson, George M. Marston, Duncan McMillan, A. P. Abbott, William Johnston, George Fraser, James Freeland, Andrew Freeland and Peter Brown.

Dinner was served at 7 o'clock and afterwards there was an interesting impromptu program of post-prandial exercises. Duncan McMillan and G. K. Putnam acted as toastmasters and a number of responses were made. Victrola music interlarded the speechmaking and later plans were discussed for the 1916 series, which is to begin sometime in May if the courses are sufficiently open. Last year the Barre team won three out of four matches scheduled. Special car conveniences were arranged for the return of the Barre golfers to this city shortly before midnight.

DEATH OF MRS. E. F. DUNTON.

**Montpelier Woman Died Yesterday After-
noon—Was Native of Marshfield.**

Mrs. Mabelle (Severance) Dunton, wife of Eugene F. Dunton, passed away at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home on Prospect street in Montpelier, death being due to meningitis, which developed following the birth of a daughter 10 days ago.

She was born in Marshfield March 11, 1880, the daughter of H. E. and Clara M. Severance. Her parents removed to Montpelier when she was but a child and her education was gained in the public schools and at Montpelier seminary. She lived for a time in Barre. She was registrar of probate for 10 years, serving in that capacity under Judge Carleton and Judge Martin. At the time she completed her duties she was the oldest registrar in point of service in the state.

Her marriage to Mr. Dunton occurred Feb. 19, 1908. She leaves besides her husband three daughters, Maxine Nellie, six, Harriet Pansy, four, and Mary Jane; a sister, Mrs. William B. Jones of Williamstown, and her parents of Montpelier.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late home, with Rev. William Shaw, pastor of Trinity church, officiating, with burial in Green Mount cemetery.